

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on December 18, 2023. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Absent: Price. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Chase Morgan, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Matt May, Bullett Beaudette and County Treasurer Robin Christiansen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023, meeting. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Price, Abstain: English.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Committee reports: None

Motioned by English, second by Mueller to approve Gabriel Parker-Diaz to be added to the Inmate Commissary Bank account at Frontier Bank. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve Supervisor meeting dates for 2024 as presented. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Correction to Holidays for 2024 was discussed to close at 12:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve December 24, 2024. No action was taken as it is addressed in the Handbook.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve District Court Clerk fee report for November 2023. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve Maximus contract for 2023-2025. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mueller to approve Chairman Glen Meyers signature on the Maximus contract. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Resolution #23-36 to transfer \$120,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to the Roads Fund. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 504.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve Resolution #23-37 to transfer \$2000.00 form General Fund to Building and Grounds Fund. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 505.](#)

Discussion was held on cordless phones in the Treasurer's office. The Clerk and Treasurer will investigate to see what can be done and then go from there. No action was taken.

Board OF Equalization

A motioned by French second by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Harlan to approve Light of the World Exemption Application for 6 vehicles. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer second by English to adjourn Board of Equalizations at 9:31 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion on Omaha Tribe Utility ROW permits were tabled until the County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak can look over an application to occupy Right of Way.

Shelly Cople had some questions on the new handbook that will take affect January 1, 2024. Those questions being what a person working 30 hours a week, if they get prorated hours worked or if they get the 7.5 hours paid. This was clarified by the Board that it would be 7.5 hours. The new handbook also states that Holiday and vacation pay is up to 8 hours. Those working the holiday will be paid time and half for hours worked. The other question was when to pay out the employees who are over the 480-hour limit on sick time that is going into effect January 1, 2024. This will be done at the January 2, 2024, meeting. There was no vote on this as it was only discussion to clarify.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to advertise for an Excavator to purchase or lease. Bids will be opened on January 16, 2024. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Roads Supervisor reported they have been busy with tree removal, moved equipment up to other end of D Ave and have been cleaning out ditches as they go. They still have to maintainers to put wings on yet and will be doing that at the end of this week. Mat and Glen Meyer met Friday with the NDOT on replacing the bridge out by the Twin Creek Golf Course. They did not give a start date on that bridge project. This will be 100% funded by the Federal government.

Motioned by Mueller second by Mayberry to hire Bennett Lamplot as a temporary basis with a time period to be determined. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by second by Mayberry to appoint all Elected Official's except the County Attorney to the Grievance Board. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve the claims with removal of taxes on the Fastwyre statement. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Attest _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer